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TAGS: PINT, CASC, DR

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND THE THREE JAILED PUERTO RICANS

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER THIS MORNING, I MENTIONED THAT I WAS GOING TO PUERTO RICO THIS EVENING AND WOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH PUERTO RICAN AUTHORITIES THE SITUATION PERTAINING TO THE THREE JAILED PUERTO RICANS. BALAGUER SAID THAT FROM FBI AND INTERPOL REPORTS HE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE THREE WERE "BAD ACTORS." HE SAID THAT FROM THE TIME OF THEIR ARREST, THE PUERTO RICANS HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN MISTREATED. AFTER THEY HAD CONFESSED TO BRINGING THREE GUERRILLAS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THEN RECANTED BY STATING THAT CONFESSIONS HAD BEEN OBTAINED UNDER DURESS, THEY HAD REAFFIRMED THE TRUTH OF THEIR EARLIER CONFESSION TO THE INVESTIGATING JUDGE WHEN HE QUESTIONED THEM A SECOND TIME, ACCORDING TO BALAGUER.

2. BALAGUER SAID THAT I MIGHT, IF I WISHED, TELL HIGH PUERTO RICAN OFFICIALS THAT THE PUERTO RICANS WOULD BE FAIRLY TREATED IN CONFORMITY WITH DOMINICAN JUSTICE AND THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THIS EVEN TO MAR THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS THAT EXISTED BETWEEN TH TWO COUNTRIES.

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